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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 OF US/IAEA/INDIA SAFEGUARDS TRANSFER AGREEMENT

REFS: A) VIENNA 2759; B) 75 VIENNA A-313; C) NEW DELHI
4627; D) NEW DELHI 4628; (BOMBAY 737)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY AND CONGEN RECOMMENDA-
TION TRANSMITTED REF C AND PARA 4 REF D. USG AGENCIES CON-
CERNED HAVE REVIEWED SUSPENSION PROCEDURES AQ EED IN 1975
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AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER AND HAVE
CONCLUDED THAT U.S. CONSENT TO PROPOSED CONTINUED SAFE-
GUARDS SUSPENSION ARRANGEMENTS TO PERMIT CONTINUATION OF
GOI DESTRUCTIVE ANALYSIS PROGRAM, UNDER THE CONDITIONS
STIPULATED BELOW, DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONFLICT WITH CUR-
RENT U.S. POLICY OR NEW NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION.

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2. NEW DELHI AND BOMBAY: AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE INDIAN OFFICIALS THAT U.S. INTENDS TO BE FORTHCOMING AND THAT US MISSION TO IAEA IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO INFORM IAEA OF U.S. CONSENT TO CONTINUATION OF SUSPENSION ARRANGEMENTS, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATIONS (TAPS) FUEL MATERIAL TRANSFERRED TO BARC WILL BE RETURNED TO TAPS EXCEPT SAMPLES RETAINED AT BARC FOR DESTRUCTIVE ANALYSIS.
3. MISSION MAY ADVISE IAEA THAT U.S. HAS NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION TO TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUSPENSION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON SMALL QUANTITIES OF IRRADIATED TAPS FUEL MATERIAL TO PERMIT DESTRUCTIVE ANALYSIS PROGRAM, AS AGREED IN GABBERT LETTER OF JULY 22, 1975, TO NAKICENOVIC (TRANSMITTED BY REF B) SUBJECT TO UNDERSTANDINGS SET FORTH, BELOW.

4. PARAGRAPHS 1 THRU 7 OF SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES PROPOSED IN ROMETSCH LETTER OF FEBRUARY 18, 1975, TO GOI GOVERNOR (TRANSMITTED BY REF B) WILL APPLY, MODIFIED TO INDICATE APPROPRIATE DATES IN PARAGRAPH 5 AND TO PROVIDE IN PARAGRAPHS 2, 4, AND 7 THAT RETRANSFERS WILL BE TO TAPS.

5. IN LIGHT PARA 2, REF A, WE ASSUME THAT MAXIMUM QUANTITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO BARC AND MAXIMUM QUANTITIES TO BE LOST DURING TESTS AT BARC WILL REMAIN AS STATED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF AFOREMENTIONED SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES.
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FYI: THE EARLIER SUSPENSION AGREEMENT ALLOWED FOR RETRANSFER OF THE MATERIAL FROM BARC TO PREFRE. AS STATED IN PARA 2 THE NEW SUSPENSION PROCEDURES WILL BE WRITTEN TO REQUIRE THAT THE MATERIAL BE RETRANSFERRED BACK TO TAPS. THE U.S. IS PRESENTLY UNABLE TO AGREE TO STORAGE OF THIS SMALL AMOUNT OF TAPS SPENT FUEL AT PREFRE. END FYI.

6. MISSION AND BOMBAY: WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN INFORMALLY ON THIS ANALYSIS PROGRAM TO DATE; I.E., WHEN TRANSFERS ACTUALLY STARTED; HOW MUCH MATERIAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED; WHETHER ANY RETRANSFERS HAVE BEEN MADE AND IF SO WHETHER THESE RETRANSFERS WERE TO TAPS OR TO PREFRE; WHAT USE, IF ANY IS BEING MADE OF THE ANALYSIS RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THIS PROGRAM.

7. AL THIBAULT HAS HAND-CARRIED COPY OF REF B TO NEW DELHI. CHRISTOPHER

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